

Project Profile

Armani

717 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY

prepared by
Clevenger Frable LaVallee Inc.

Cooking Suite



project data

Equipped Area: 1,400SF
FSE Cost: \$750,000
Cost/SF: \$535

situation analysis

- Renovate existing office space to create a new full service kitchen and bar located on 3rd floor above high end retail stores.
- The design of the kitchen and bar area was initially prepared in Italy as a 1400 sf a la carte restaurant kitchen with a European layout.

the challenge

- Extremely low ceiling conditions and difficult existing column placement.
- Kitchen floor had to be raised 12" to accommodate drainage
- Duct work required long horizontal run to a Pollution Control Device for exhaust outside of building three floors above Fifth Avenue.
- Difficult delivery access.
- European designed kitchen and bar.
- Designing a kitchen to suit the visual image of the "Armani" name
- Fast track schedule.

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project strategy

- Work with Engineers and Architects to define transition between raised kitchen floor (+ 12") and dining space (+ 0")
- Plan for exhaust hoods to minimize exhaust CFM and capture the majority of grease to reduce work of pollution control unit.
- Locate equipment requiring drainage conveniently near main floor drains to achieve proper pitch within 12" raised floor.
- Work with American manufacturers to achieve desired look of European design.
- Request proposals from qualified foodservice equipment contractors capable of fulfilling project demands and work closely with the Owner to award the contract to the foodservice equipment contractor offering the best combination of experience and price.

solution

- Custom hoods and cooking equipment.
- Careful coordination of floor drains.
- Custom bar design with European styling.
- Design efficient compartmentalized European-style work spaces.

results

- CFL was able to expedite the bid package which contributed to the project being completed on time.
- Several FSE proposals were received. The proposals ranged from \$745,000 to \$850,000. The contract was awarded at \$700,000.
- The grand opening during Fashion Week packed the building full including major celebrities. It was a major success.
- The arrangement of the kitchen and bar was carefully integrated with the European layout and the "designer facade".

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